

Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 2, 1903.

Sleeping on a Kong.

China is a land without mattresses or counterpane. A bed, or kong, is merely a broad wall of brick built across the side of the room. On first acquaintance it seems absolutely impossible for an Anglo-Saxon, but a man in the interior of China must either sleep on a kong or not sleep at all. I determined that if the bricks would not yield to me I must yield to them, and, as a means of yielding gracefully, I studied the sleeping methods of my Chinese companions. I found that their practice was to climb inside of quilted sacks, called pookas, which they tied and folded around themselves until a row of men on a kong looked not unlike sealed envelopes. Whenever they rolled or turned over in their sleep their pookas rolled with them. In whatever position they happened to lie on the brick pile they could not escape the ameliorating effect of their pookas. Obviously I, too, must have a pooka. From a dealer in leather in a town through which we passed I bought two goatskins. I had them sewed together, with the hair side in. I devised a system of strings by which I could tie myself in my appliance, and in this way I succeeded in sleeping in China.—Outing.

Rapid Work For Fingers.

The deaf and dumb, as every one knows, "speak" by means of their fingers. How many words, then, can a good hand speaker form in a minute? The average number of letters per word in the English language is five. Now, a ready hand speaker can make the English alphabet ten times in a minute—that is to say, 200 letters. It is usual for him to pause for the space of one letter after each word to show that the word is complete. If, therefore, we subtract from the total just given about one-sixth for these stoppages, the total will be reduced to 215 letters.

Let this be divided by five, the average number of letters per word, and we shall find that a fairly expert deaf and dumb person will speak forty-three words per minute. A person in possession of speech will probably speak 150 words in the same space of time.

Substitutes For Tobacco.

Dried holly leaves, the bark of the willow and leaves of the stag's horn sumac are among the substitutes for tobacco used by the American Indians. In Switzerland a weed called mountain tobacco is smoked in great quantities. It is powdered before using and causes the smoker to become a mental and physical wreck. The natives of South Africa are peculiarly affected by smoking the dried leaves of the camphor plant. The smoker trembles with fright at nothing, weeps bitterly and uses all sorts of words which do not in the least express his meaning. The wild dagna, another South African plant, poisons slowly any one using it.

Selling Elephants by Measure.

The Moors, who drive a trade in elephants through the Indies, have a fixed price for the ordinary type according to their size. To ascertain their true value they measure from the nail of the fore foot to the top of the shoulder, and for each cubit high they charge \$500. An African elephant of the largest size measures about nine cubits, or thirteen and one-half feet, in height and is worth about \$4,500. For huge Ceylon elephants \$20,000 is sometimes paid.

Reply of a "Beardless Boy."

When Keppel, a commodore at twenty-four, was sent to demand an apology from the dey of Algiers for an insult to the British flag, he took so high a tone that the dey exclaimed against the insolence of the British king for charging a "beardless boy" with such a message to him. Replied the beardless boy, "Were my master wont to take length of beard for a test of wisdom he'd have sent your deyship a be goot."—Gentleman's Magazine.

The Word "Umbrella."

The English word umbrella is very like the Latin, coming through the Italian "ombrello," or "little shade." The French, German, Spanish and others give it a distinctive name, such as "parapluie," "regenschirm" and "parasol." "Umbrella" and "parasol" are etymologically precisely the same thing, but custom has given them the distinctions that we understand today.

Easier Work.

"Why don't you try to carve your name high on the tablets of fame?" asked the poetic enthusiast. "My friend," answered Senator Sorghum, a little severely, "there is no use in my dodging around with a hammer and chisel when I can do such effective work with a fountain pen and a check-book."—Washington Star.

Borrowing Trouble.

"I have heard a good deal about people who borrow trouble, but I think my wife is a champion in that line." "Why, I thought she was always cheerful and contented with her lot." "She was until our baby was born six weeks ago. Now she is worrying because he may marry some girl that we shall not like."

Ten Years to Get It.

Towne—Why, he told me he was getting along splendidly; fine salary and all that. Browne—Indeed? Towne—Yes, he told me he was getting \$10,000. Browne—So he is, at the rate of \$1,000 per year.—Philadelphia Press.

Ungrammatical.

Dusty Rhodes—Will you please give me a dime to get something to eat with? Bunker Bill—My good man, you cannot purchase a set of false teeth for 10 cents.

For liver troubles and constipation.

There's nothing better in creation Than Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. They always effect a cure and save doctor bills. Little Early Risers are different from all other pills. They do not weaken the system, but act as a tonic to the tissues by arousing the secretions and restoring the liver to the full performance of its functions naturally. E. S. Leadbeater & Sons.

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MISS FAY LEE,

President of the Shakespearean Club, Kansas City.



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"Your booklet came to my home like a message of health when I had suffered with headache, backache and bearing-down pains. I was weak, nervous and hysterical and had not consulted any doctor, thinking it would pass away in time, but instead I found that the pains increased and were more frequent. I decided to try Wine of Cardui and in a short time was much improved. It seemed to act like a charm. I kept up the treatment and the result was most satisfactory. Words fail to express my gratitude for the suffering that is now saved me. I am in fine health, physically and mentally. I can only say 'thank you,' but there is much more in my heart for you."

Bearing-down pains are the worst that women know. If you are suffering from this trouble you need not be uncertain about it. The pains in the abdomen and back that feel as if heavy weights were pulling down on the nerves of the stomach are "bearing-down pains". They may not be particularly severe at present but they are growing worse. That headache which nearly drives you distracted now is caused by the terrible

nervous tension. The nerves soon begin to give way under the strain. You perhaps jump at an unusual disturbance, or laugh or weep hysterically, as no apparent cause. That is what Miss Fay Lee, 603 1/2 North Seventh Street, Kansas City, Kansas, was coming to when she rescued herself by taking Wine of Cardui. The Wine made her a strong, healthy woman again, as it has made a million other women strong and healthy. By inducing regular menstruation the entire system is relieved of the terrible weight. The ligaments which hold the womb in place are strengthened by a healthy flow and that organ is returned to its normal position. Returning health is the result. This is what Wine of Cardui has done for thousands of the best women in America.

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MEETINGS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of THE CEREAL SUGAR COMPANY, April 2, 1903, at 2 p. m., at the office of Messrs. Moore, Cameron and Lewis, No. 620 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on MONDAY, the 6th day of April, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of considering the sale or lease of the Company's property and for such other purposes as may properly come before the meeting.

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AUCTION SALES.

By R. F. Knox, Auctioneer.

SALE OF A DESIRABLE HOUSE AND LOT.

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust bearing date on April 10, 1896, given by Edward H. Clarkson and Margaret M. Clarkson, his wife, to Thomas Moss, John T. Wilkins and T. J. Fannon, the Trustees of the Mercantile Railway Building and Loan Association, of Alexandria, Virginia, which deed of trust is duly recorded in book 36, page 188, of the Land Records of the city of Alexandria, Virginia, and having been made in the payment of the sum thereby secured, the undersigned trustees of the said Association, by direction of the Board of Directors, hereof, will offer for sale at public auction on SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1903, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the premises, ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND with the buildings and improvements thereon, in this city, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a point on the west side of Fairfax street 80 feet north of King street, and running thence north on Fairfax street 20 feet; thence west, parallel to King street, 54 feet, 6 inches; thence south, parallel to Fairfax street, 12 feet, 6 inches; thence west, parallel to King street, 5 feet, 6 inches; thence south, parallel to Fairfax street, 7 feet, 6 inches; and thence east in a straight line to the beginning, together with the right of way over an alley 3 feet 6 inches wide on the north side of said house, and running back 37 feet, and also, all the interest of the said Edward H. Clarkson and wife in and to a certain lot of ground, as said lot.

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THOMAS J. FANNON,

Trustee of the Mercantile Railway Building and Loan Association of Alexandria, Va.

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